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## A Message from the WFCA Health Care Manager

*By Jim Lux*

**A**s the newly hired Health Care Manager for the Washington Fire Commissioners Association benefits program, I thought people in the field might have some questions about my background and perspective regarding this important WFCA program.

I was a public servant for over 30 years at the state level. My experience was in budgeting, financial policy setting and financial management. I was fortunate to work for Office of Financial Management, the House of Representatives and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to build the knowledge and skills that I bring to the Association. As a legislative staff person, I was involved with state-level health care finance and budgets as well as a Joint House-Senate Task Force on Local Government Finances and Criminal Justice.

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I am here to manage a top flight self-funded health care program that works with its partners to provide the best care possible for those enrolled in our program. A balance is necessary between cost, benefit coverage, individual needs and comprehensive fairness to all covered employees, spouses and dependents. I am pleased to be an employee of the Association and ultimately to help local fire district commissioners, employees and dependents receive the best health care coverage possible.

I encourage you to call me for any health care questions or other benefit assistance you may need. I can be reached at 1.800.491.9322, 360.943.3880 or email me at [jiml@wfca.wa.gov](mailto:jiml@wfca.wa.gov). I look forward to serving you as your Health Care Manager.

## PDC Filing Reminder

**F**ire commissioners must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) with the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission by April 15. The F-1 can be filed electronically or by mail any time between now and the April 15 deadline.

Forms and the e-filing application may be found under Filer Resources at [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov). Please contact the PDC staff for assistance with filing: [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov), 360.664.2737, or toll-free 1.877.602.2828.

NOTE: Commissioners serving small districts with less than 1,000 registered voters do not file the F-1.

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## A Message from the President by Bill Gates



**A**s this is my first *Fireline* message, let me start by saying that I am honored to serve as President of the WFCA.

I look forward to working with all of you to continue the good things that the WFCA does for its members and the fire service. Part of my role is to do the best that I can to make the WFCA “look good” as I represent the association.

I need to use a couple of lines here and again thank Joe Dawson for the outstanding job he did in his two years as our President. We are fortunate that he will be on the Board this year as Past President. Thanks again, Joe.

The bad weather in December delayed my getting to Olympia to work on committee appointments, but all the committee notices should have been received as I write this. I was impressed with the large number of members volunteering to work on committees.

I’m sure everyone is aware that the legislature is now in session. You should have received a number of legislative reports by now (they are emailed every Friday); be sure to contact the WFCA office if you

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would like to be added to the list to receive these reports which are also posted on the association’s website.

Please commit to spend some of your time on the legislative process. Read the legislative reports, talk with your legislators, and plan to attend Legislative Day in Olympia on March 9th. If you have any questions on our legislative efforts, call or email Roger Ferris.

It’s also time to sign up for the Saturday Seminars (details are included in this issue of *Fireline*). Chair Les Riel and his Education Committee have again put together seminars containing relevant topics. In Chelan we will do a continuation of the legislative roundtable that we started last year. All the Saturday Seminars last year had record attendance—please make plans to attend.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Health Care Manager Jim Lux. Jim started in early January and is quickly learning about our association and the great health care program that we offer.

I know that this has been said many times, but please do not hesitate to contact the state association office, any of the officers or your region representative with any thoughts or concerns regarding fire service in the state of Washington. Your input and involvement are most welcome.

## Fire Marshal’s Office Shares 2008 Successes

**T**he year 2008 presented many challenges to every facet of the fire service, including the State Fire Marshal’s Office. The following highlight some of those challenges and the successes gained in 2008 as reported by the State Fire Marshal:

- Increased use of the Fire Training Academy at North Bend.
- Decreased the average number of days to correct tests and issue certifications from 52 to 7 days.
- Successful development and implementation of the new Fire Sprinkler Fitter Certification Program.
- Published the annual *Fire in Washington* report on April 1, prior to the statutory deadline of July 1.
- Provided fire prevention and preparedness training to 57 licensed care

facilities and throughout the state, with 254 licensed care employees attending these sessions.

- Developed and implemented the new Hospital Fire Inspection Program, ensuring every hospital in Washington get a fire and life safety inspection.
- Updated WAC 212-12, Fire Marshal Standards to ensure consistency with state and federally mandated codes.
- Completed 21 new school construction plan review projects.

The Fire Marshal’s office looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead in 2009 and are confident we will continue to perform at the level of professionalism you and the citizens of our state expect.

## ON THE WEB

During legislative session, the WFCA posts weekly updates on its website. To view, visit [www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov) and select **Current Report** in the drop down menu under the **Legislative Reports** tab. NOTE: Weekly reports are sent to members on the WFCA email distribution list and mailed to WFCA members *by request only*.



**Washington Fire Commissioners Association**  
presents  
**2009 SATURDAY SEMINAR SERIES**

**T**he WFCOA is pleased to offer members the 2009 Saturday Seminar Series. A detailed brochure was mailed last month and is posted on the WFCOA website ([www.wfca.wa.gov](http://www.wfca.wa.gov)). If you have questions concerning the seminars, please contact the WFCOA office at 1.800.491.9322 or [wfca@wfca.wa.gov](mailto:wfca@wfca.wa.gov).

**MANAGEMENT VS. GOVERNANCE:  
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & CHIEF?**

*Offered February 28 (Pasco Red Lion Hotel) & March 21 (Shilo Inn Ocean Shores)*

This seminar will feature the return of Fire District Attorney Frank Chmelik on the governance role of the fire commissioners in relation to the management role of the fire chief.

Seminar objectives include:

- « Identifying the importance of the fire district's culture and outlining the elements of effective board action.
- « Recognizing key strategies for successful board meetings and identifying the necessary components for sound decision making and methods of providing positive strategies to improve administrative staff productivity.

This seminar will provide:

- « An extensive overview of the issues involved in reaching the goal of an effective management and governance relationship.
- « Breakout work sessions to review and discuss budget based governance, strategic budgeting, and common process issues in which the board of commissioners will outline the proper role of the fire chief in his/her management of day-to-day district operations.

Don't miss this informative and highly interactive seminar that will offer concepts for commissioners to improve interaction with staff and provide cost-effective fire and EMS to your constituents.

**LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: WHAT NEXT?  
and  
MRSC: WHO WE ARE & HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOUR FIRE DISTRICT**

*Offered May 30 (Campbell's Resort Chelan)*

The Legislative Priorities and MRSC programs will be presented in Chelan only. The morning session will feature a continuation of the successful 2008 Legislative Workshop with an emphasis on small group breakouts to review legislative priorities and define in greater detail issues of importance to the WFCOA membership. WFCOA lobbyists will also review the 2009 legislative session.

The afternoon session will highlight the many services provided by the Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC) which was created to assist special purpose districts. MRSC services offered to fire districts include:

- « An extensive list of sample documents and updated publications.
- « Guidelines on the Open Public Meetings and Records Act.
- « Guidelines on conflict of interest issues.
- « And much more!

MRSC Legal Director Pat Mason will be on hand to review some of the "hot button" issues facing fire districts and how MRSC can assist in resolving them. The WFCOA appreciates the working relationship with MRSC and will be lobbying intensively to review funding for special districts' access to this service.

# WFCA SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch at all seminars.

## MEMBER REGISTRATION

\$110.00

\$120.00 (at the door)

## NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION

\$210.00

\$220.00 (at the door)

- ◆ Handout of workshop material, continental breakfast and late registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.; seminars will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- ◆ Be sure to bring a sweater or jacket to ensure your comfort (meeting rooms can be CHILLY!)
- ◆ If you have special dietary restrictions or concerns, please inform your server or a WFCA staff member.
- ◆ Please give 48 hours' notice for registration refunds from the WFCA.

Certificates of Training are available to seminar participants who wish to certify attendance at WFCA educational programs. A *Certificate of Training* will be provided, upon request, to any member participating in a WFCA educational program who would like a copy for his/her records. This voluntary program is aimed at helping members keep records of their administrative training and may enhance fire districts' risk management programs as well. Look for more information at the seminar you attend!

✂ Cut along dotted line and return completed registration form to address indicated below.

✓ Sign Me Up for the Seminar(s) I've checked:

- ☐ Pasco Red Lion Hotel—February 28 (Management vs. Governance)
- ☐ Ocean Shores Shilo Inn—March 21 (Management vs. Governance)
- ☐ Chelan Campbell's Resort—May 30 (Legislative Priorities & MRSC)

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**Please return completed registration form to:**  
**WFCA, P. O. Box 134, Olympia, WA 98507 or fax to 360.664.0415**

**Questions? Call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322**





## NW Leadership Seminar

The 40th Annual Northwest Leadership Seminar will be held March 4-6, 2009, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River (Jantzen Beach) in Portland, Oregon.

Among this year's speakers are Erik Wahl, Dr. Denis Waitley, Dr. Sheila Sheinberg, Dr. William Lewinski, Paul LeSage and Dr. Dale Henry.

For complete program, registration and lodging information log onto [www.nwleadershipseminar.com](http://www.nwleadershipseminar.com).

## Fire Service Directory Mailed to WFCM Members

The 2009 Washington State Fire Service Directory has been mailed to all WFCM member district commissioners, secretaries and chiefs.

Please be sure to check your district's listing and let the WFCM office know if there are any errors or updates, as the directory information is used to maintain the association's mail and email address database.

For additional copies of the directory, contact the WFCM office at 1.800.491.9322, email [wfcma@wfcma.wa.gov](mailto:wfcma@wfcma.wa.gov), fax 360.664.0415 or write P.O. Box 134, Olympia, WA 98507. The charge per copy is \$15 for WFCM members and \$30 for non-members.

## Ads

**FOR SALE by Cowlitz 5:** Cowlitz 5 has surplused & authorized the sale of the following:

- '80 American LaFrance pumper, 22,245 mi, 2075.0 hrs of exceptional svc. Sale as is, no warranties implied/expressed. \$5,000 OBO.
- '98 Ford—Horton Type III modular ambulance, 65,162 mi, 2625.3 hrs of exceptional svc. \$20,000 OBO.

All sales as is, no warranties implied or expressed. Submit inquiries to dist @ PO Box 280, 382 NE Frontage Rd, Kalama, WA 98625, 360.673.2222.

**FOR SALE by Jefferson 1 (aka E Jefferson Fire Rescue):** Surplus '80 Ford LN 900 tandem axle truck, approx 2250 gal shop built water tank & gas powered fire pump; sale w/o warranty. Truck powered w/534 cu inch eng, Allison trans, approx 5,500 mi on chassis & equipped w/trans power take-off. Sealed bids accompanied by check for full amt accepted til 5 pm, 2/16/09 at Dist HQ (40 Seton Rd., Suite A, Port Townsend, WA 98368). Min bid \$4000. Dist offering surplus truck as is where is & reserves right to accept/decline any/all bids submitted. Contact Asst Chief Boggs @ 360.381.0359 or 385.2626 for appt to inspect.

**FOR SALE by King 40:** '90 Darley/Spartan Fire Engine. Dies eng, AT, approx 78,500 mi, 1500 GPM pump, 500

gal tank, emerg lights & siren, \$30,000 OBO. '93 Darley/Spartan Fire Engine. Dies eng, AT, approx 70,500 mi, 1500 GPM pump, 500 gal tank, emerg lights & siren & some hose (1.75, 2.5 & 5.0 inch), \$35,000 OBO. Sales as is, where is, w/no warranty expressed/implied. Contact Consultant Paul Witt [askpaul@comcast.net](mailto:askpaul@comcast.net) for info.

**FOR SALE by Mason 2:** Turbo Draft (2). This unit uses a 1 3/4" hose from the pumper to the eductor to return a 2 1/2" hose back to the engine from a water source. No hard suction is required as it relies on the venturi principle. It requires a minimum of 200 gpm from the engine to get a return of 670 gpm. These units are two years old and have only been used for training. Darley charges \$1,735.95 for the 2 1/2" Turbo-Draft new. \$1,000 each. For inquiries contact Captain Scott Cooper at 360.275.6711 ext 502, [scooper@mcfid2.com](mailto:scooper@mcfid2.com).

**FOR SALE by Walla Walla 8:**

#1: '79 Chevy C6 Structure Eng mfg by Superior. 366 CI gas eng, 4 spd man trans, 9,800 mi, 1000 gpm Hale pump, 500 gal tank. Equipped w/24' ext ladder, 14' roof ladder, 200' booster reel/ w/hose & nozzle, limited amt of 2 1/2" hose, Fed Aerodynamic Lightbar, Fed Siren, lime yellow color, good cond. Asking \$7,000.

#2: '86 Chevy K-30 4WD utility vehicle.

6.2 It dies motor, AT, 48,000 mi, 6 compartment utility box, Fed Jet Sonic lightbar, Fed Siren, lime yellow, fair cond. Asking \$3,500. Photos avail upon request. Just removed from service.

For info, contact Lt Bob Clendaniel, 509.525.2139, 509.301.3977, email: [bclendaniel@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:bclendaniel@co.walla-walla.wa.us) or Asst Chief Ed Townsend, 509.525.8481. Walla Walla Co FPD, PO Box 112, V Dixon, WA 99329.

**WANTED by Ridge Runner Fire Dept.**

**(ID):** Ridge Runner Fire is rural vol dept in Kooskia, ID which has begun providing structural fire suppression to residents. Would like to equip recently acquired '76 American LaFrance pumper w/: 1 attic ladder; 1 8' pike pole; 1 roof ladder; 2 port hand lights; 12' or 14'20' of 5" hard suction; 2 salvage covers, 12' x 14'; 15' of 5" soft suction; 1 hose clamp; 800' of 5" supply hose; 1 hydrant hose gate, 2 1/2"; 400' of 2 1/2" supply hose; 1 gated wye, 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 1 1/2"; 800' of 1 3/4" or 1 1/2" attack hose; 1 mntd radio; 1 comb spray nozzle, 200 gpm; 2 comb spray nozzles, 95 gpm; 1 6lb flat-head axe; 1 6lb pickhead axe; 1 6' pike pole. Dept is Idaho 501c(3) corp. Contact Chief Dale Pickering, 164 Tweedy Ln, Kooskia, ID 83539, 208.926.7328, [6picks@wildblue.net](mailto:6picks@wildblue.net).



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